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REMARKS

Claims 1-37 and 45-51 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 9, 21, 28; 33 and 45 being independent. Claim 45 has been amended. Support for the amendment to claim 45 may be found in the application at, for example, page 16, lines 4-7. No new matter has been introduced.

Initially, applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-37 and the Examiner's indication that claim 50 is directed to allowable subject matter.

Claims 45-49 and 51 have been rejected as being anticipated by Murata (U.S. Patent No. 5,153,685). Claim 45 has been amended to recite that the semiconductor layer is formed over an insulating substrate, and applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection because Murata does not describe or suggest such an insulating substrate. Instead, Murata, at, for example, col. 15, lines 13-15, describes the use of semiconductor substrate made of single-crystal silicon. Accordingly, for at least this reason, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

Enclosed is a \$120 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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